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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the Month of APRIL, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1945, was estimated to be 493,047.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

| | No. | MARCH | | 3 Months ended MARCH | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| | | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Marriages .. | No. | 471 | 333 | 1,301 | 1,020 |
| " | *Rate per 1000 of Population | 11.22 | 8.01 | 10.69 | 8.46 |
| Birth .. | No. | 775 | 971 | 2,449 | 2,908 |
| " | *Rate per 1000 of Population | 18.47 | 23.36 | 20.12 | 24.12 |
| Deaths .. | No. | 355 | 345 | 1,071 | 1,091 |
| " | *Rate per 1000 of Population | 8.46 | 8.30 | 8.80 | 9.05 |
| Infant Mortality No. | | 27 | 21 | 82 | 72 |
| " " | Rate per 1000 live births | 34.84 | 21.63 | 33.48 | 24.76 |
| <u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u> | | | | | |
| Tuberculosis | | 16 | 12 | 42 | 46 |
| Cancer | | 30 | 55 | 122 | 146 |
| Influenza | | 1 | - | 3 | 1 |
| Diphtheria | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. | | 27 | 28 | 98 | 110 |
| Arteriosclerosis | | 13 | 16 | 24 | 43 |
| Diseases of the Heart | | 89 | 90 | 273 | 257 |
| Pneumonia and Broncho- | | | | | |
| Pneumonia | | 21 | 20 | 66 | 55 |
| Diarrhoea and Enteritis | | 5 | 9 | 14 | 17 |
| Nephritis | | 16 | 12 | 34 | 45 |
| Diseases of Early Infancy | | 11 | 12 | 40 | 37 |
| Senility | | 7 | 8 | 24 | 41 |
| Accidents | | 22 | 17 | 85 | 58 |
| All Other Causes | | 95 | 64 | 242 | 229 |
| Total | | 355 | 345 | 1,071 | 1,091 |

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April totalled 76,939 acres, a decrease of 8,747 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 817,285 acres, a decrease of 85,521 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

| | Month of April | | 10 Months ended April | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Revenue | 1,185,956 | 1,280,479 | 11,014,580 | 11,498,677 |
| Revenue per Head of Population | £2.8.0d. | £2.12.3d. | £22.7.0d. | £22.11.6d. |
| Expenditure | 1,181,153 | 1,276,936 | 11,826,296 | 11,524,696 |
| Expenditure per Head of Population | £2.7.9d. | £2.12.1d. | £23.19.11d. | £23.12.7d. |

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th April, 1946 amounted to £37,570,554, or £75.19.1d. per head of population, as against £30,493,221 or £62.4.4d. per head as at the 30th April last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 29th April, 1946, amounted to £3,158,582 compared with £2,664,495 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

| Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds | APRIL | | 10 Months ended APRIL | |
|---|------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Transfers .. . | (No. 1,387 | 839 | 11,864 | 8,516 |
| | (£ 542,878 | 317,167 | 5,038,567 | 3,328,582 |
| Mortgages .. . | (No. 651 | 249 | 4,891 | 2,391 |
| | (£ 550,746 | 283,116 | 4,268,024 | 2,433,345 |
| Discharges of Mortgages No. | 682 | 475 | 6,280 | 4,802 |

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

| Month of Receipt of Returns | Taxable Goods | | Sales of Exempt Goods | Tax Collected |
|-----------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross) | Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross) | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1945 - | | | | |
| April | 765,446 | 685,948 | 1,276,250 | 110,919 |
| May | 854,328 | 759,824 | 1,739,042 | 129,591 |
| June | 787,976 | 813,528 | 1,454,764 | 118,410 |
| July | 746,309 | 671,083 | 1,543,774 | 113,791 |
| August | 789,944 | 794,990 | 1,376,342 | 122,199 |
| September | 740,005 | 1,022,344 | 1,296,822 | 117,040 |
| October | 915,297 | 625,467 | 1,420,116 | 121,706 |
| November | 896,541 | 840,276 | 1,671,491 | 133,311 |
| December | 342,650 | 565,516 | 644,750 | 56,462 |
| 1946 - | | | | |
| January | 1,510,643 | 1,062,887 | 2,830,201 | 236,000 |
| February | 931,232 | 764,293 | 1,503,464 | 144,395 |
| March | 976,682 | 778,005 | 1,733,304 | 143,435 |
| April | 915,207 | 871,315 | 1,641,961 | 141,175 |

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

46 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £799,100 and 19 Foreign Companies were registered for the ten months ended 30th April, 1946. For the corresponding period last year, there were registered 10 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £143,000 and 6 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

| | 10 Months ended 30th April | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------|------|-------------|---------|
| | No. | Liabilities | Assets | No. | Liabilities | Assets |
| | 1946 | | | 1945 | | |
| Sequestration Orders | 8 | £ 16,281 | £ 6,259 | 2 | £ 3,257 | £ 2,046 |
| Deeds of Assignment (a) | 1 | 2,025 | 230 | 1 | 672 | 1,016 |
| Deeds of Arrangement | - | - | - | - | - | - |

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangements.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

| | MARCH | | 9 Months ended MARCH | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Gross Earnings £ | 384,300 | 355,100 | 3,067,600 | 3,288,100 |
| Working Expenses £ | 350,869 | 327,343 | 3,021,050 | 2,782,833 |
| Train Miles Run | 578,040 | 550,144 | 4,718,463 | 4,739,213 |
| Passenger Journeys | 1,661,468 | 1,674,014 | 12,879,153 | 13,814,104 |
| Tonnage Carried - | | | | |
| Paying Goods | 261,597 | 245,047 | 1,883,964 | 2,090,305 |
| Livestock | 11,487 | 11,298 | 108,389 | 117,366 |
| Departmental | 40,609 | 57,173 | 343,950 | 413,208 |
| (Free Freight) | | | | |
| Total | 313,693 | 313,518 | 2,336,303 | 2,620,879 |
| Net Ton Mileage of - | | | | |
| Paying Goods | 34,156,945 | 29,624,591 | 242,930,708 | 235,931,687 |
| Livestock | 1,347,789 | 1,285,291 | 12,718,951 | 13,055,540 |
| Departmental | 6,332,975 | 7,288,013 | 50,508,585 | 59,181,018 |
| (Free Freight) | | | | |
| Total | 41,837,709 | 38,197,395 | 306,158,244 | 308,168,245 |

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

| Period | METROPOLITAN AREA | | | | ENTIRE STATE | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
| | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| Year 1944 | No. 23 | No. 310 | No. 5 | No. 35 | No. 28 | No. 803 | No. 9 | No. 93 |
| Year 1945 | 32 | 218 | 8 | 107 | 39 | 475 | 9 | 174 |
| 1946 - | | | | | | | | |
| January | 8 | 13 | - | 27 | 8 | 24 | - | 35 |
| February | 11 | 24 | - | 41 | 11 | 38 | - | 45 |
| March | 9 | 19 | - | 37 | 9 | 51 | - | 42 |
| April | 17 | 25 | - | 30 | (a) | (a) | (a) | (a) |

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)
(excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

| Date (as at end of Month) | METROPOLITAN AREA | | | | ENTIRE STATE | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| | Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| 1944 - | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| June | 18,133 | 5,578 | 231 | 2,639 | 30,295 | 22,183 | 276 | 4,324 |
| December | 18,083 | 6,244 | 246 | 2,491 | 30,051 | 22,946 | 298 | 4,031 |
| 1945 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 18,478 | 6,603 | 244 | 2,783 | 30,635 | 23,649 | 294 | 4,501 |
| December | 18,399 | 6,771 | 201 | 3,184 | 30,403 | 25,367 | 244 | 5,109 |
| 1946 - | | | | | | | | |
| January | 18,632 | 7,196 | 204 | 3,568 | 30,167 | 25,285 | 274 | 5,581 |
| February | 18,823 | 7,400 | 204 | 3,811 | 30,667 | 26,401 | 290 | 6,004 |
| March | 18,864 | 7,482 | 204 | 3,896 | 30,796 | 26,813 | 291 | 6,155 |
| April | 19,076 | 7,754 | 204 | 4,143 | (a) | (a) | (a) | (a) |

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

| | | | | |
|--------------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------------|
| 1946 - April | Cars 92 | Wagons, Vans, etc. 434 | Buses 5 | Motor Cycles 5 |
|--------------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------------|

T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the nine months ended March, 1946 and 1945, respectively, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

| | IMPORTS | | | | EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores) | | | |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | MARCH | | 9 Months ended MARCH | | MARCH | | 9 Months ended MARCH | |
| | 1946 (£1000) | 1945 (£1000) | 1946 (£1000) | 1945 (£1000) | 1946 (£1000) | 1945 (£1000) | 1946 (£1000) | 1945 (£1000) |
| Oversea | 559 | 392 | 4,090 | 3,872 | 2,719 | 1,073 | 12,382 | 11,305 |
| Interstate | 1,297 | 729 | 11,622 | 9,638 | 185 | 678 | 5,176 | 3,348 |
| Total | 1,856 | 1,121 | 15,712 | 13,510 | 2,904 | 1,751 | 17,558 | 14,653 |

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

| Period | New Dwellings and Hotels | | Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc. | | Additions and Alterations | | Total Permits Issued | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---|---------|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ |
| April, 1946 | *117 | 110,689 | 21 | 13,195 | 290 | 36,967 | *428 | *160,851 |
| April, 1945 | 48 | 35,088 | 2 | 1,175 | 148 | 9,450 | 198 | 45,713 |
| 10 Months ended April, 1946 | 1,098 | 954,200 | 74 | 53,311 | 2,124 | 263,720 | 3,296 | 1,271,231 |
| 10 Months ended April, 1945 | 408 | 272,280 | 17 | 40,938 | 1,080 | 160,095 | 1,505 | 473,313 |

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 21 for a value of £20,564.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

(15 Local Government Authorities)

| Period | New Dwellings and Hotels | | Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc. | | Additions and Alterations | | Total Permits Issued | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---|---------|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ |
| April, 1946 | *24 | *17,280 | 6 | 2,670 | 56 | 4,778 | *86 | *24,728 |
| April, 1945 | 3 | 1,150 | 1 | 150 | 27 | 1,756 | 31 | 3,056 |
| 10 Months ended April, 1946 | 157 | 112,762 | 35 | 14,147 | 355 | 30,062 | 547 | 156,971 |
| 10 Months ended April, 1945 | 65 | 48,139 | 11 | 4,807 | 226 | 13,337 | 302 | 66,283 |

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 8 for a value of £8,080.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

256,574 lbs. were produced during March, 1946, and 11,239,070 lbs. for the nine months ended March, 1946, as against 249,783 lbs. and 11,059,688 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

| | APRIL | | 4 Months ended APRIL | |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|----------------------|-----------|
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Quantity | Finc Oz. | 41,927 | 35,134 | 161,777 |
| Value (Australian Currency) £ | | 444,458 | 372,421 | 1,624,348 |

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the four months ended April, 1946, amounted to £63,734, as against £126,809 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

| | APRIL | | 10 Months ended APRIL | |
|-----------------------|-------|------|-----------------------|------|
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Food and Groceries :- | | | | |
| Metropolitan Area | 1067 | 1062 | 1061 | 1059 |
| Kalgoorlie-Boulder | 1201 | 1192 | 1193 | 1136 |
| Northam | 1082 | 1071 | 1071 | 1068 |
| Bunbury | 1064 | 1049 | 1049 | 1042 |
| Geraldton | 1091 | 1086 | 1084 | 1089 |

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

| Month | FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees)=100) | | | | | RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000) | | | | |
|-----------|---|------|------|---------|---------|---|------|------|------|------|
| | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945(a) | 1946(a) | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 |
| January | 116 | 128 | 137 | 142 | 146 | 1014 | 865 | 826 | 870 | 995 |
| February | 118 | 130 | 138 | 142 | 148 | 986 | 861 | 824 | 868 | 1016 |
| March | 118 | 132 | 139 | 144 | 152 | 962 | 846 | 825 | 877 | 1045 |
| April | 118 | 134 | 139 | 144 | | 955 | 835 | 827 | 876 | |
| May | 119 | 131 | 140 | 144 | | 927 | 836 | 832 | 891 | |
| June | 118 | 135 | 139 | 145 | | 907 | 835 | 829 | 903 | |
| July | 117 | 136 | 140 | 145(a) | | 888 | 828 | 832 | 899 | |
| August | 119 | 136 | 140 | 144 | | 882 | 814 | 832 | 897 | |
| September | 120 | 137 | 140 | 141 | | 877 | 806 | 834 | 914 | |
| October | 122 | 138 | 140 | 141 | | 874 | 801 | 837 | 929 | |
| November | 123 | 136 | 141 | 144 | | 873 | 814 | 851 | 965 | |
| December | 124 | 137 | 142 | 144 | | 886 | 840 | 886 | 1012 | |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.
(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

| | APRIL | | 10 Months ended APRIL | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.) | 16,125 | 15,549 | 156,414 | 154,500 |
| Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.) | 14,376 | 14,625 | 132,706 | 130,939 |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

| Month | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| April, 1946 | No. 4,839 | No. 110 | No. 58,766 | No. 12,661 |
| April, 1945 | 3,799 | 210 | 57,125 | 12,087 |
| Four Months ended April, 1946 | 19,212 | 725 | 254,096 | 58,627 |
| Four Months ended April, 1945 | 20,486 | 1,186 | 310,842 | 56,005 |